

has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting; she has been great in times of war and she should be great in times of peace. If we should be worthy of the heritage of our fathers we ourselves must go forward.

In expositions displaying the industries and resources of States and in great festivals it has been the regret of North Carolinians that our State has been so far outstripped by other States and countries. We are not poor and resourceless. We should not advertise to the world that we are poor and unprogressive. The participation in the Panama Exposition is not purely sentimental, but it will be the first step to be taken by the States of the Union in their effort to secure for themselves the benefits that are to be derived from the opening of the Panama Canal. All the States of the Union and all the nations of the earth will take advantage of this opportunity to bring to the attention of home seekers and investors the advantages of their respective countries.

The tide of immigration is now setting in towards the South, and we believe that we are in the beginning of an era of unprecedented promise.

I hope that this General Assembly can see its way clear to provide representation from North Carolina, and a proper representation, at this great festival, celebrating, as it will, the greatest event in the development of the South. The large appropriations recently made for the improvement of the harbors at Beaufort and Wilmington will guarantee that North Carolina will derive as much benefit from the opening of the canal as any other State in the Union.

LOCKE CRAIG, *Governor*.

THE CALENDAR.

Bills and resolutions on the Calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S. B. 795, H. B. 692, bill to authorize the Commissioners of Warren County to levy a special tax and donate a sum to the Confederate monument fund, upon third reading.

The bill passes third reading, ayes 44, noes none, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative are: Senators Allen, Barbour, Barnes, Bellamy, Bridgers, Brown, Bryant, Carson, Coffey, Cook, Council, Daniel, Davis, Evans of Bladen, Evans of Pitt, Gilliam, Grant, Hall, Hawes, Hobgood, Hooks, Ivie, Jones, Little of Anson, Little of Wake, Long, Lovingood, Mashburn, Mason, Nimocks, Parsons, Payne, Peebles, Pharr, Phillips, Scott, Stubbs, Studdert, Thorne, Ward, Wakefield, Watkins, Weaver, Woodley—44.

The bill is ordered enrolled.

S. B. 891, H. B. 1062, bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Ayden, Pitt County, upon third reading.

The bill passes third reading, ayes 44, noes none, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative are: Senators Allen, Barbour, Barnes, Bellamy, Bridgers, Brown, Bryant, Carson, Coffey, Cook, Council, Daniel, Davis, Evans of Bladen, Evans of Pitt, Gilliam, Grant, Hall, Hawes, Hobgood, Hooks, Ivie, Jones, Little of Anson, Little of Wake, Long, Lovingood, Mashburn, Mason, Nimocks, Parsons, Payne, Peebles, Pharr, Phillips, Scott, Stubbs, Studdert, Thorne, Ward, Wakefield, Watkins, Weaver, Woodley—44.

The bill is ordered enrolled.

S. B. 1137, H. B. 1004, bill to incorporate the Pinebluff Graded School, upon third reading.